

*William L. Zawila*  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

12550 BROOKHURST STREET  
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92640  
(714) 636-5040

November 7, 1997 (RELEASED)

RECEIVED  
NOV 10 1997  
FCC MAIL ROOM

Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 "M" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM DOCKET NO. 97-204 - RM-9143 - RM-9158 - COMMENTS  
COUNTER-PROPOSAL OF WILLIAM L. ZAWILA  
AMENDMENT OF TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS CONCERNING RADIO STATION  
KNGS (FM), COALINGA, CA - FM CHANNEL 261-B  
Enclosed Documents

Secretary:

This letter is submitted to the Commission as a Counter-Proposal in MM Docket No. 97-204 involving Rulemaking No. 9143 and Rulemaking No. 9158. This Counter-Proposal is submitted by the undersigned, William L. Zawila, permittee of Radio Station KNGS (FM), Coalinga, California.

This Counter-Proposal supports and requests the allotment of FM Channel 247-A to Coalinga, California. Further, this Counter-Proposal proposes that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments to change the allocation for Radio Station KNGS (FM) from Coalinga, California, to Kettleman City, California. Radio Station KNGS (FM) is on FM Channel 261-B. This Counter-Proposal requests changes as follows:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Kettleman City, CA	NONE	Channel 261-B
Coalinga, CA	Channel 261-B	Channel 247-A

In support of this Counter-Proposal, William L. Zawila offers the following comments.

Kettleman City, California, has no service and this Counter-Proposal would provide first service to Kettleman City, California.

This Counter-Proposal would provide for continued local FM service to Coalinga, California. In addition to continued local FM service, Radio Station KKFO (AM) is licensed to Coalinga, California. Coalinga would have adequate local service while Kettleman City would receive its first local radio service of any kind.

No. of Copies rec'd  
List ABCDE

024

*William L. Zawila*  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

12550 BROOKHURST STREET  
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92640  
(714) 636-5040

Secretary-FCC  
Page Two  
November 7, 1997

Attached hereto are documents demonstrating that Kettleman City has been in existence since it was founded in 1929. This is shown in the attached letter from the Kettleman City Chamber of Commerce. Also, a History of Kettleman City is attached to outline the background and history of this community. Also attached is a list of the local merchants who are members of the Kettleman City Chamber of Commerce. Also attached is a map showing details regarding the community of Kettleman City. Kettleman City exists in every sense of a local community and deserves its first local radio service. This Counter-Proposal would provide such first service to Kettleman City.

The engineering for Radio Station KNKS(FM) that is already on file with the Commission demonstrates that KNKS(FM) can place a city grade contour over all of Kettleman City from KNKS(FM)'s current transmitter site.

This Counter-Proposal is being submitted on behalf of William L. Zawila in the above-referenced proceeding.

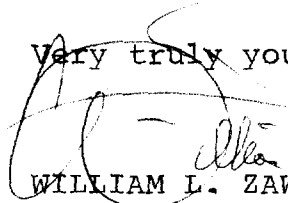
I hereby certify that the statements in this Comment/Counter-Proposal are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

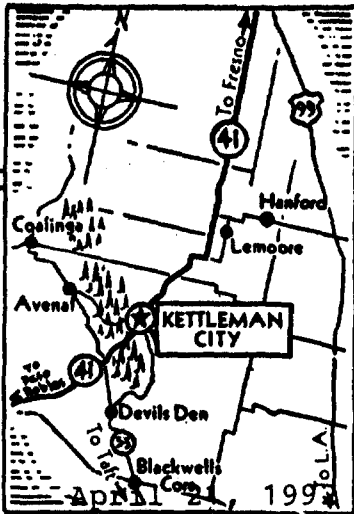
The certificate of service is attached hereto.

Please contact this office if you require further information in this matter.

WLZ/jc  
encls

Very truly yours,

  
WILLIAM L. ZAWILA



# Kettleman City CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Kettleman City, California*

Mike McKenna  
Box 90277  
Long Beach CA 90808

Yes, Mike, there is a Kettleman City. Founded in 1929, it's been here through thick and thin.

Here's the material you requested - history, map, business directory. Hope you can put it to good use.

Current population is 1,023 according to the highway signs at the edge of town.

Sincerely.

Ted Ewalt, secretary

P.S. - I have lived in Kettleman City for over 30 years.

# A HISTORY OF KETTLEMAN CITY

by Ted Ewalt.

Kettleman City stands on what was once the western edge of Tulare Lake. Its recorded history began with the arrival of David Kettelman (also spelled Kettleman), a German who sailed around the Horn in the early 1850's to look for gold in California. He found no gold and settled in present-day Lodi, but roamed the valley with herds of cattle, which he sold to the miners.

During the 1850's and 1860's, men grazing cattle informally staked out areas. Kettleman Hills and Plain, McClure Valley (also known as Sunflower Valley) and Kreyenhagen Hills commemorate these wanderers.

The area became a route to the Coast, with open land from Stratford to Orchard Ranch in McClure Valley. During horse-and-buggy days, the ranch was a popular stop on the two-day trip. State Highway 41 follows this route today.

In the decade before World War I, the land was opened to homesteaders and developers. Among those were Claude C. Friend, and real estate developer A. Manford Brown, who had successfully subdivided land in Paso Robles and Morro Bay. In 1929, Brown bought 320 acres from Friend and subdivided a portion, naming his new community Kettleman City. He donated land for a school and a church, both of which still use those sites. A well was drilled, water lines laid and natural gas and electricity provided.

People had known for years that there was oil in the Kettleman Hills. Improvements in deep drilling brought in Milham Exploration's Elliot No. 1 in October, 1929.

The "wildcatters" made Kettleman City a typical boomtown, but as wildcatting ended and oil production stabilized, families began to predominate. Oil field workers and their families lived in tents until construction of homes began about 1930. Before the arrival of "swamp" coolers in the late 1930's, night shift workers dug cellars, just large enough for a cot, several feet underground, to avoid the 100-degree temperatures.

The decade prior to World War II saw grazing land become a village of about 600 people, with a lumber yard, two hotels, three grocery stores, several restaurants, service stations and garages. Population dropped during World War II, when gasoline rationing made urban living more practical than rural living. Since the war's end, growth has been gradual but steady, and today's population is about 1,200.

From its earliest days until the 1950's, Kettleman City was populated mainly by English-speaking oil field workers. During the Fifties, automation and declining production reduced the number of oil workers needed, and Spanish-speaking farm workers began to arrive. Construction of the California Aqueduct made irrigation water available and the land is farmed more intensively, increasing the need for farm workers. Today, more than 70% of the residents are Spanish-speaking.

From the earliest days, Kings County has had a branch library in Kettleman City, and now has a sheriff's sub-station, with fulltime deputies. A county fire station has replaced the earlier West Side Fire Protection District. In 1978, a community-wide sewer system went into operation, and the community purchased the privately owned water system. The post office, for many years housed in one of the grocery stores, now has its own building, with plans for future expansion.

Interstate Highway 5, linking Los Angeles and San Francisco, crosses State Highway 41, which is just a mile south of Kettleman City and still the principal route from Fresno to the Pacific coast. A commercial subdivision bearing the name "Kettleman Junction" has been built at this intersection. Located here are six service stations and truck stops, four restaurants, a market, motel and recreational vehicle park.

January, 1992

Kettleman City  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Box 66  
Kettleman City CA 93239  
Phone: 209/386-5850

Places to Eat:

Burger King  
27675 Bernard Dr. - Box 689  
386-0859 Open 24 hours

Carl's Jr.  
33300 Hubert Way - Box 67  
386-5355 Open 24 hours

Jack In The Box  
33313 Bernard Dr. - Box 717  
386-4413 Open 24 hours

J's Coffee Shop  
33418 Bernard Dr. - Box 68  
386-5010 Open 24 hours

Majors Brothers Farms  
33225 Hubert Way - Box 659  
386-5803 Open 24 hours

McDonald's Restaurant  
27666 Bernard Dr. - Box 189  
386-5663

Pizza Pirate  
27623 Bernard Dr. - Box 266  
386-0793

Places to stay:

Olive Tree Inn (Best Western)  
33415 Powers Dr. - Box 540  
386-9530

Kettleman City RV Park  
33151 Cyril Pl. - Box 452  
386-4000 propane, laundromat

Churches:

Community Church  
General Petroleum & 8th - Box 150  
386-5111

St. Cecilia's Catholic  
Milham & 8th - Box 104  
386-5770

Churches: (con't.)

Iglesia Evangelical El Calvario  
28003 Milham - Box 180  
386-5130

Victory Temple Assembly of God  
Milham & 7th - Box 480  
(No phone)

Service Stations

Brooks Arco Minimart  
Hwy. 41 & Bernard Dr. - Box 88  
386-9142

Beacon Kettleman City Truck Stop  
33190 Hubert Way - Box 563  
386-9076 Open 24 hours

Chevron Stations  
Hwy. 41 & Ward Dr. - Box 118  
386-5536 Open 24 hours

Cleo Rhyne's Shell  
Hwy. 41 & Ward Dr. - Box 164  
386-5711 Open 24 hours

C & D Union Service  
Hwy. 41 & Bernard Dr. - Box 146  
386-5656 (Towing)

Kettleman City Exxon  
27574 Bernard Dr. - No box  
386-9232 24 hours, liquor license

Repairs and parts:

I-5 Service Center  
33252 Hubert Way - Box 367  
386-0143 (Towing)

Macias Service  
400 Brown - Box 157  
(No phone)

Burleson Mechanic & Road Service  
1209 Milham Ave. Box 90  
386-0916

Groceries:

Kettleman City Market  
216 Becky Pease - Box 119  
386-0304

Ranch Market (liquor license)  
121 Brown (Hwy. 41) - Box 719  
386-4659

Other listings:

(Dial 911 in emergencies)

Sheriff's sub-station  
Brown St. (Hwy. 41) Box 218  
386-5351

Library  
104 Becky Pease - Box 158  
386-9804

Head Start  
Edward & 1st St. - Box 36  
386-9879

Housing Authority  
605 Milham - Box 498  
386-5281

Repairs and parts: (con't)

Wade's Service  
209 7th - Box 292  
386-5761

Kettleman City Parts & Supplies  
202 Brown (Hwy. 41) - Box 415  
386-5003

Fire Station  
Brown St. (Hwy. 41) - Box 25  
386-5338

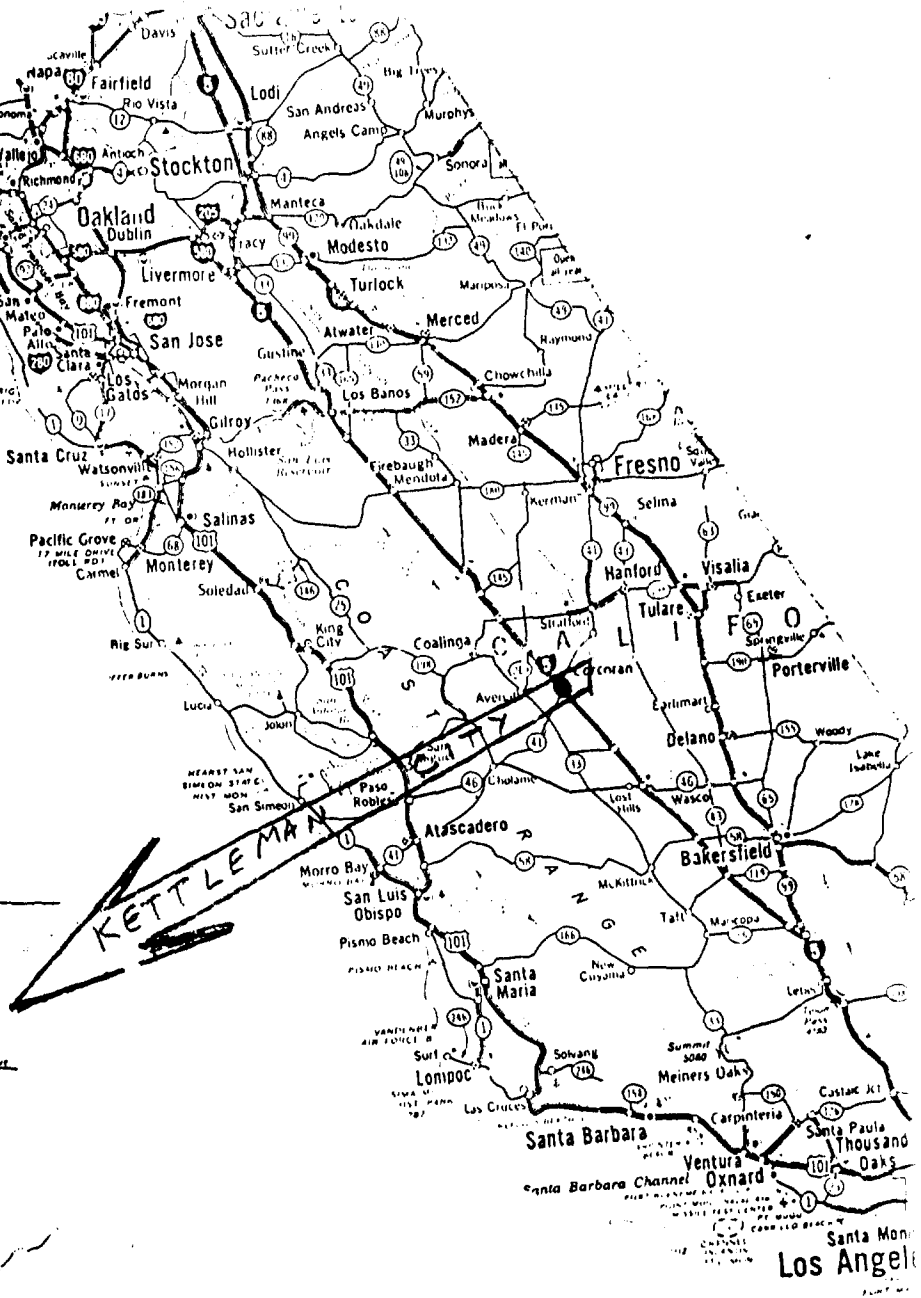
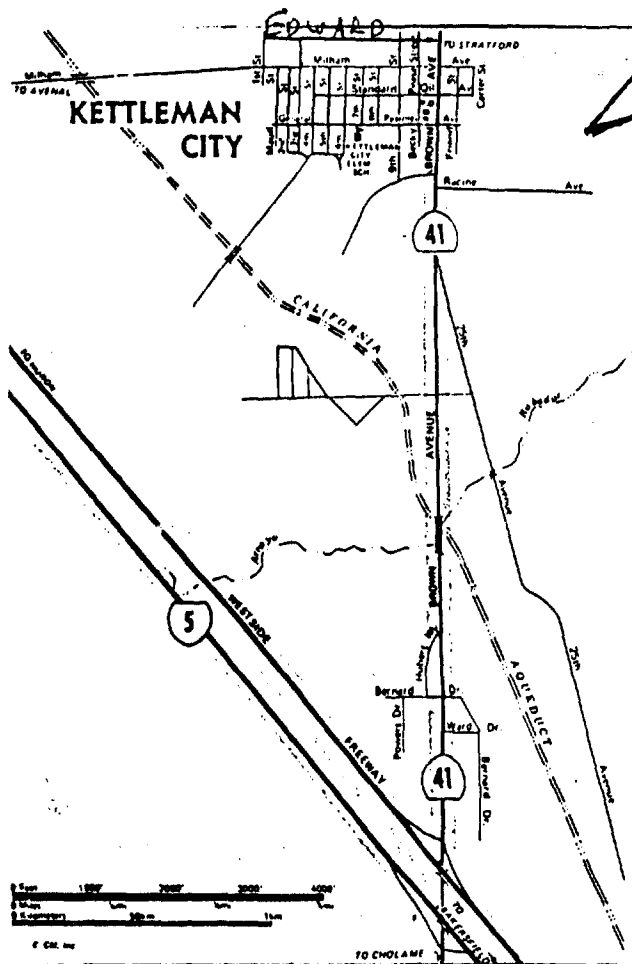
Elementary School  
Gen. Pet. & 8th - Box 599  
386-5702

Community Services District  
110 General Petroleum - Box 179  
396-5866

Post Office  
1000 Milham - No box  
386-9323

Kettleman City Chamber of Commerce  
 Box 66  
 Kettleman City, California 93239

(209) 386-5850



## KETTLEMAN CITY

Population ..... 1051  
 Housing Units ..... 276  
 Median Family Income ..... \$12,941  
 Median Household Income ..... \$14,926

Kettleman City is located on State Highway 41, one and one-half miles north of


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Maria Garcia, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Comments/Counter-Proposal has been mailed to the following by First Class mail, postage prepaid, this 8th day of November, 1997.

Henry E. Crawford  
Attorney at Law  
1150 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. - Suite 900  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
(Counsel for Kerner Broadcasting)

Gary S. Smithwick, Esquire  
Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C.  
1990 "M" Street, N.W. - Suite 510  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
(Counsel for James Zahn)

John A. Karousos  
Chief, Allocations Branch  
Policy & Rules Division  
Mass Media Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 "M" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

  
MARIA GARCIA